



***“Don’t trash our highways! Debris that is tossed or falls from a vehicle becomes a safety hazard to other drivers. Make sure your loads are secure and that no loose trash can fly out of your open window or your truck bed. Littering is a violation of state law that the N.C. State Highway Patrol takes seriously.”***

*N.C. State Highway Patrol*

Nationwide, 25,000 accidents can be attributed to roadway debris annually.

The N.C. Department of Transportation spent \$14 million in 2010 picking up litter from the state’s roadsides.

Help educate those who litter. Report a litterbug through the Swat-A-Litterbug Program online at:

[www.ncdot.gov/~beautification](http://www.ncdot.gov/~beautification)



**Litter affects more than our roads. A large amount of litter ends up in our streams and waterways as pollution.**

The N.C. Department of Transportation created the Highway Stormwater Program to reduce the contaminants that enter our state's waterways from North Carolina's highways.

You can make a difference in keeping North Carolina's waters clean by:

- **NOT LITTERING**
- Washing your car on the grass or taking your car to the car wash
- Directing stormwater to your lawn, garden or natural areas to promote soaking into the ground
- Fertilizing your lawn by following the product label instructions
- Picking up your pet's waste and disposing of it properly
- Fixing vehicle oil leaks

To find out more, visit:

[www.ncdot.gov/programs/environment/stormwater](http://www.ncdot.gov/programs/environment/stormwater)